

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE BOARD FOR LICENSING CONTRACTORS**

**CHAPTER 0680-1  
LICENSING**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

0680-1-.01	Application for License	0680-1-.14	Request for Change of Classifications or Limitation
0680-1-.02	Consideration of Applications	0680-1-.15	Review and Adjustment of Classifications and Monetary Limitation
0680-1-.03	Special Meetings	0680-1-.16	Appendix A of Rule 0680-1-.12 (Classification System)
0680-1-.04	Repealed	0680-1-.17	Repealed
0680-1-.05	Repealed	0680-1-.18	Unlawful Bidding
0680-1-.06	Reinstatement of Invalid License	0680-1-.19	Civil Penalties
0680-1-.07	Repealed	0680-1-.20	Fees
0680-1-.08	Change of Address or Officers	0680-1-.21	Citation Penalties
0680-1-.09	Change in Mode of Operation	0680-1-.22	Exemption
0680-1-.10	Renewal of Licenses	0680-1-.23	Requalification of Agent
0680-1-.11	Joint Ventures	0680-1-.24	Bidding Procedures
0680-1-.12	General and Specialty Classifications		
0680-1-.13	Monetary Limitations		

**0680-1-.01 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.**

- (1) Any application for a license as a contractor shall be accompanied by:
  - (a) a non-refundable fee in the amount stated in Rule 0680-1-.20.
  - (b) references from either a past client, employer or codes official.
  - (c) a questionnaire form covering finances, equipment, and experience.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-111. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Amendment filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981. Amendment filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed July 14, 1989; effective August 28, 1989. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

**0680-1-.02 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.**

- (1) All applications for licenses will be considered at the regular meetings of the Board. Such meetings shall be held in Nashville, Tennessee, in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November; provided, however, that the Board may change the location of meetings at its discretion. Applicants will receive adequate notice of any such change.
- (2) At each regular meeting the Board will consider applications which have been properly completed and received in the Office of the Board by the twentieth (20th) day of the preceding month, however, this deadline may be waived for good cause shown. The Board reserves the right to consider an application for license at any time if consideration of the application at the regularly scheduled meeting would cause an undue hardship on the owner and be in the best interest of the public safety and welfare.
- (3) In order to obtain a certificate authorizing the applicant to operate as a contractor, the following persons must obtain a successful score on the examination in the appropriate classification, and may be required to appear before the Board for an interview:

(Rule 0680-1-.02, continued)

- (a) for a sole proprietorship – the person who is in responsible supervision of the business management and construction practice and is either the individual owner or full time employee with a written power of attorney;
- (b) for any partnership – the person who is in responsible supervision of the business management and construction practice and is either a general partner or a full time employee with written power of attorney;
- (c) for any corporation – the person who is in responsible supervision of the business management and construction practice and is either a major stockholder or a full time employee with a written power of attorney;
- (d) for any limited liability company – the person who is in responsible supervision of the business management and construction practice and is either manager or full time employee with a written power of attorney;
- (e) in the event that the qualifying agent in (a), (b) or (c) above leaves the employment of the business, written notice must be given within ten (10) days to the Board.
- (f) if anyone other than an individual with an ownership interest acts as qualifying agent, then an officer with an ownership interest or power of attorney must also appear along with the qualifying agent for interview before the Board.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108, 62-6-111, and 62-6-115. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Amendment filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed October 16, 1985; effective November 15, 1985. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996. Amendment filed September 12, 2005; effective November 26, 2005.

#### **0680-1-.03 SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

Special meetings of the Board may be held at the call of the Chairman or three (3) members of the Board.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-108 and 62-609. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Amendment filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.04 REPEALED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-609. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Repeal filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.05 REPEALED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108, 62-609, and 62-614. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981. Repeal filed July 14, 1989; effective August 28, 1989.

#### **0680-1-.06 REINSTATEMENT OF INVALID LICENSE.**

- (1) After a license has been expired seven (7) calendar days the holder thereof must comply with the following requirements:

(Rule 0680-1-.06, continued)

- (a) Expired (one-twelve months) - a ten percent (10%) penalty fee will be assessed each month to the renewal fee, up to twice the normal fee;
- (b) Expired more than one (1) year - follow new application requirements.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-116. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed October 16, 1985; effective November 15, 1985. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.07 REPEALED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-609. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Repeal filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980.

#### **0680-1-.08 CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF OFFICERS.**

A licensee shall notify the Office of the Board in writing within thirty (30) days of any change of address or (in the case of a corporation) officers.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-609. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981.

#### **0680-1-.09 CHANGE IN MODE OF OPERATION.**

- (1) Whenever a partnership licensed as a contractor dissolves, no former member of the partnership shall further undertake contracting before filing a new application with the Board and receiving a license.
- (2) In case of a merger, purchase by non-stockholders of the majority interest, or reorganization pursuant to a bankruptcy proceeding, of any corporation engaged in contracting, the corporation shall make written application to the Board and obtain a new license before further undertaking contracting.
- (3) Individuals or Corporations seeking a new license pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 62-6-111(f) and (g) shall submit a letter which addresses the requirements of §§ 62-6-111(f) and (g). In addition, the applicant shall submit an affidavit that all liabilities of the partnership or proprietorship were satisfied or will be satisfied by the individual or corporation.
- (4) In the event of a change in mode of operation as outlined in T.C.A. §§ 62-6-111(e), appearance before the Board will be necessary unless specifically waived by the Board.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-111(e), (f), and (g). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.10 RENEWAL OF LICENSES.**

Any person, firm or corporation desiring to renew a license shall make application to the Board on the prescribed forms. A renewal application for a monetary limitation greater than one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) must be accompanied by a reviewed or audited financial statement

(Rule 0680-1-.10, continued)

prepared by a licensed accountant. If a renewal applicant requests a monetary limitation of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) or less, he or she may submit a notarized statement that the information contained in his or her financial statement is true and correct.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108, 62-6-111, and 62-6-116. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981. Amendment filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996. Amendment filed April 28, 2008; effective July 12, 2008.

#### **0680-1-.11 JOINT VENTURES.**

- (1) A joint venture provides a means by which licensed contractors may combine their monetary limitations in order to undertake a larger project than each would otherwise be able to perform as separate contractors. No contractor may participate in a joint venture unless:
  - (a) he is licensed in a classification which is a necessary and integral part of the total project; and
  - (b) the monetary limitation on such classification is equal to or greater than the portion of the total cost of the project involving that classification.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-609. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980.

#### **0680-1-.12 GENERAL AND SPECIALTY CLASSIFICATIONS.**

- (1) The Board will utilize the system of general and specialty classifications of contracting set forth in Appendix A of this rule. However, in view of the increasing specialization and technological advances in the construction industry, the Board reserves the right to depart from the classification system in appropriate individual cases.
  - (a) A contractor licensed in one or more sub-classifications under a general construction classification may perform work in such sub-classification(s) under any other general construction classification, provided that such work:
    1. is consistent with established usage and procedures in the construction business; and
    2. is related to that which he is licensed to perform.Generally, for purposes of determining the classifications in which an applicant is qualified to engage, the Board will primarily consider whether or not the applicant:
- (2) has adequate experience in the classifications requested; (2) has an established plant (office; warehouse; equipment areas) from which his business is conducted; and (3) has (or has the ability to acquire) the necessary equipment for the classifications requested, and the experience to operate such equipment. The "experience" of an applicant will be considered to be that of one or more of the partners in the case of a partnership applicant; and one or more of the officers in the case of a corporate applicant.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-609. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980.

**0680-1-.13 MONETARY LIMITATIONS.**

- (1) Generally, the monetary limitation placed on a classification of a license will be determined as follows:
  - (a) for applicants having no apparent deficiency with respect to plant or equipment, the lesser of:
    1. ten (10) times the applicants net worth; or
    2. ten (10) times the applicant's working capital.
  - (b) at the Board's discretion, renewal applicants having no apparent deficiency with respect to plant or equipment, but with limited working capital, the greater of:
    1. ten (10) times the applicant's working capital; or
    2. fifty percent (50%) of the applicant's net worth.
  - (c) for other applicants, a lesser amount reflecting the degree of lack of plant or equipment.
- (2) Lines of credit and indemnities (on forms furnished by the Board) may be considered to raise a monetary limitation. Lines of credit may be added up to its full value to the working capital. Credit for indemnities will be limited to fifty percent (50%). However, if the applicant has a negative working capital, lines of credit will be recognized at 50% of value.
- (3) A tolerance of ten percent (10%) will be allowed on the monetary limitation placed on any classification of a license.
- (4) Subject to such tolerance, no contractor shall engage, or offer to engage, in any project of which the cost (including all material and labor furnished by or through another source other than the owner) would exceed the monetary limitation placed on his license. If a contractor holds a license with more that one classification with different monetary limit, the monetary limits shall not be combined to bid a project.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-111. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981. Amendment filed October 16, 1985; effective November 15, 1985. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

**0680-1-.14 REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION OR LIMITATION.**

- (1) Request for Change of Classification or Limitation. A licensee may request the Board to consider revision of his classification(s) and/or monetary limitation(s) at any of its regular meetings. Such request shall be made by letter, which shall be accompanied by financial, equipment, and experience statements relative to the classification request accurate as of no more that twelve 12 months prior to the date of the request. The request must be received in the Office of the Board by the last day of the month preceding the month in which it is to be considered.
- (2) A request for a change in monetary limitation to be less than one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be reviewed or audited by a licensed accountant or certified public accountant. A request for a change in monetary limitation to more than one

(Rule 0680-1-.14, continued)

million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be audited and attested to by a licensed public accountant or certified public accountant.

- (3) The Board reserves the right to require examination pursuant to request for change of classifications. The Board further reserves the right to consider a request for change of classification or limitation at any time if consideration of the request at the regularly scheduled meeting would cause an undue hardship on the owner and be in the best interest of the public safety and welfare.
- (4) Increases within the first year will not be allowed without special permission from the Board.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-111. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981. Amendment filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996. Amendment filed April 28, 2008; effective July 12, 2008.

#### **0680-1-.15 REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF CLASSIFICATIONS AND MONETARY LIMITATIONS.**

- (1) The Board may require that financial statements submitted by contractors in conjunction with an application for renewal of a license or a request for change of classification(s) or limitation(s) be examined by the Comptroller of the Treasury or his designated representative. The Board may, because of the results of an audit, changing financial conditions, or any other relevant factors:
  - (a) require the submission of additional financial information prior to acting on a renewal application or request for change of classification(s) or limitation(s); and (2) change the general or specialty classifications or monetary limitations of any license when in the public interest. However, before changing adversely the classification(s) and/or monetary limitation(s) of any license, the Board shall afford the licensee the opportunity for a hearing to show cause why such action should not be taken.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-609, 62-612, and 62-617. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment: filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980.

#### **0680-1-.16 APPENDIX A OF RULE 0680-1-.12 (CLASSIFICATIONS SYSTEM).**

##### **OUTLINE OF CLASSIFICATIONS**

##### **BC - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

###### **A. Residential**

"Residential building contractors" are those whose services are limited to construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of one, two, three, or four family unit residences not exceeding three stories in height and accessory use structures in connection therewith.

###### **B. Commercial**

A commercial building contractor is authorized to bid on and contract for the construction, erection, alteration, repair or demolition of any building or structure for use and occupancy by the general public, including residential construction with more than four (4) units or greater than three (3) stories in height.

(Rule 0680-1-.16, continued)

b. Small Commercial

A small commercial building contractor is authorized to bid on and contract for the construction, erection, alteration, repair or demolition of any building or structure for use and occupancy by the general public the total cost of which does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

C. Industrial

A contractor under this classification is authorized to bid on and contract for the erection, alteration, repair and demolition of buildings or structures used for industrial production and service, such as manufacturing plants.

### BUILDING CATEGORIES

1. Acoustical Treatments
2. Carpentry, Framing and Millwork, etc.
3. Drywall
4. Floor Covering
5. Foundations
6. Glass, Window and Door Construction
7. Institutional and Recreational Equipment
8. Lathe, Plaster and Stucco
9. Masonry
10. Ornamental and Miscellaneous Metal
11. Painting, Interior Decorating
12. Roof Decks
13. Site and Subdivision Development
14. Special Coatings and Waterproofing
15. Tile, Terrazzo and Marble
16. Insulation
17. Elevators, Escalators, and Dumbwaiters
18. Erection and Fabrication of Structural Steel
19. Concrete
20. Sheet Metal
21. Roofing
22. Conveyors
23. Sandblasting
24. Golf Courses
25. Tennis Courts
26. Swimming Pools
27. Outdoor Advertising
28. Excavation
29. Landscaping
30. Fencing
31. Demolition
32. Millwright
33. Irrigation

### HC - HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

- A. Marine  
(Wharves, Docks, Harbor Improvements and Terminals)
- B. Tunnel and Shaft

(Rule 0680-1-.16, continued)

- C. Energy and Power Plants
- D. Dams, Dikes, Levees and Canals
- E. Mining Surface and Underground
- F. Oil Field Construction
- G. Oil Refineries

Heavy Construction Categories (Apply to All Areas)

- 1. Structural Steel Erection
- 2. Tower and Stack Construction
- 3. Foundation Construction, Pile Driving, Foundation Drilling, and Stabilization
- 4. Demolition and Movement of Structures
- 5. Clearing, Grubbing, Snagging and Rip Rap
- 6. Slipform Concrete Structures
- 7. Rigging and Crane Rigging
- 8. Welding

HRA - HIGHWAY, RAILROAD AND AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION

- A. Grading and Drainage

Includes grading, drainage pipe and structures, clearing and grubbing.

- B. Base and Paving

- 1. Base Construction
- 2. Hot and Cold Mix Asphalt
- 3. Surface Treatment Asphalt
- 4. Concrete Paving

- C. Bridges and Culverts

- 1. Painting
- 2. Repair
- 3. Demolition
- 4. Bridge Deck Overlay (Sealant)
- 5. Guniting
- 6. Cofferdam
- 7. Steel Erection

- D. Railroad Construction and Related Items

- E. Miscellaneous and Specialty Items

- 1. Traffic Safety
  - (a) Pavement Markers
  - (b) Signing
  - (c) Guardrail and Fencing
  - (d) Attenuators, signalization and roadway lighting



(Rule 0680-1-.16, continued)

2. Landscaping

Includes seeding, sodding, planting, and chemical weed and brush control.

3. Pavement Rehabilitation

Includes pressure grouting, grinding and grooving, concrete joints, and underdrains.

4. Well Drilling

5. Miscellaneous Concrete

Includes sidewalks, driveways, curb and gutter, and box culverts.

### MU - MUNICIPAL AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION

Municipal and Utility Construction includes all supervision, labor, material and equipment to complete underground piping, water and sewer plants and sewer disposal, grading and drainage, and paving (unless restricted to specific areas named).

A. Underground Piping

Furnish supervision, labor, material and equipment to complete all underground piping for municipal and utility construction (unless restricted to specific areas names).

1. Gas Distribution and Transmission Lines
2. Sewer Lines, Storm Drains, Rehabilitation and Structures
3. Waterlines
4. Underground Conduit

B. Water and Sewer Systems\*

\* Classification BC-B is necessary in order to construct water and sewer plants.

C. Grading and Drainage

Includes grading, drainage pipe and structures, clearing and grubbing.

D. Base and Paving

1. Base Construction
2. Hot and Cold Mix Asphalt
3. Surface Treatment Asphalt
4. Concrete Pavement
5. Miscellaneous Concrete (includes sidewalks, driveways, curb and gutter, and box culverts)

### MC - MECHANICAL CONTRACTING

- A. Plumbing and Gas Piping
- B. Process Piping
- C. HVAC, Refrigeration and Gas Piping
  1. Solar HVAC
- D. Sprinklers & Fire Protection
- E. Insulation of Mechanical Work

(Rule 0680-1-.16, continued)

- F. Pollution Control
- G. Pneumatic Tube Systems
- H. Temperature Controls (Pneumatic)
- I. Boiler Construction & Repairs
- J. Fuel Gas Piping and Systems

E - Electrical Contracting

- A. Electrical Transmission Lines
- B. Electrical Work for Buildings and Structures
- C. Underground Electrical Conduit Installation
- D. Sound and Intercom Systems, Fire Detection Systems, Signal and Burglar Alarm Systems and Security Systems up to seventy (70) volts do not require examination.
- E. Electrical Signs
- F. Telephone Lines and Ducts
- G. Cable T.V.
- H. Substations
- I. Electrical Temperature Controls
- J. Fire Detection Systems, Signal and Burglar Alarm Systems and Security Systems with conduit and wiring above (70) volts require an electrical exam.
- K. Roadway Lighting, Attenuators and Signalization - requires electrical examination.

S - Specialty (Specify) The Board will utilize the system of classifications set forth in Appendix A. The Board reserves the right to depart from the classification system in appropriate individual cases.

S - Speciality/Environmental work falling within the definition of contracting pursuant to *T.C.A. § 62-6-102*.

- A. Asbestos Material Handling/Removing
- B. Underground Storage Tank
- C. Lead-Based Paint Abatement
- D. Hazardous Waste Removal
- E. Air, Water or Soil Remediation

In each of the above environmental classifications, the following requirements apply:

1. In order to be eligible for licensure in this specialty classification, the applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the designated employee(s) shall have completed all training courses as required by the applicant state and federal agencies. In the event training courses are unavailable, the applicant's education, training, experience and equipment will be determined and considered in order to qualify the applicant for licensure.
2. A contractor holding a license in this specialty classification shall, as a condition for renewal of such license, keep abreast of all applicable state and federal requirements

(Rule 0680-1-.16, continued)

to ensure “state of the art” handling and removing of above materials by requiring its designated employee(s) to do so.

3. A contractor shall, whenever work in this specialty classification is in progress, have physically on the job site the designated employee(s) directly responsible for the work.
4. A contractor shall notify the Board of any citation lodged against it, or any of its employees, relative to work in a specialty classification within ten (10) days of receipt of the citation.

S-Specialty/Medical Gas Piping installation, maintenance and repair work falling within the regulation of medical gas piping pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-253.

A. Medical Gas Piping Installer Certification Requirements.

1. The minimum qualifications for board certification are the qualifications for certification established by the American Medical Gas Institute (AMGI) or the Piping Industry Progress and Education Trust Fund (PIPE). A minimum of thirty-two (32) hours of training, with eight (8) of such hours in brazing, shall be required for board certification. The board shall from time to time revise minimum qualifications for board certification to include the most current edition of NFPA 99C “Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems.”
  - (a) The minimum of thirty-two (32) hours of training for board certification as a medical gas installer shall include training in the following areas from the most current edition of NFPA 99C, Gas and Vacuum Systems:
    - (1) Medical Gas Systems.
    - (2) Gas Distribution Systems.
    - (3) Installation of Pressurized Gas Systems.
    - (4) Vacuum Piping.
    - (5) Brazing Techniques for Medical Gas Systems.
    - (6) Requirements for Levels of Patient Care.
2. The board may designate and approve independent examining agencies, as necessary, to provide the training and examinations necessary for board certification required by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-253. The board will review an examining agency's curriculum prior to its designation to determine compliance with the minimum qualifications listed above in A.1.(a).
3. The board shall charge a \$5.00 application processing fee in addition to all regular contractor licensing fees for the board certification required by this rule. The designated examining agency may charge reasonable fees for training and examination as determined appropriate by the board.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108, 62-6-111, and 68-11-253. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Amendment filed September 16, 1981; effective November 2, 1981. Amendment filed October 16, 1985; effective November 15, 1985. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996. Amendment filed June 25, 2003; effective September 8, 2003.

**0680-1-.17 REPEALED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-608. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 22, 1974; effective August 21, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed January 20, 1977; effective February 19, 1977. Repeal filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980.

**0680-1-.18 UNLAWFUL BIDDING.**

Unlawful Contracting. No person, firm or corporation who engages or offers to engage in “contracting” (as defined in T.C.A. § 62-6-102) without a valid contractor’s license, or in violation of the terms and conditions of such license, shall be awarded any contract for the project, upon which it engaged in contracting without a license, or permitted to participate in any re-bidding of the project.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-120. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed June 28, 1984; effective July 28, 1984. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

**0680-1-.19 CIVIL PENALTIES.**

- (1) The Board may in a lawful proceeding respecting licensing (as defined in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act), and T.C.A. § 56-1-308, in addition to or in lieu of any other lawful disciplinary action, assess civil penalties for violations of statutes, rules, or orders enforceable by the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Violation</u> <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
62-6-101 et seq	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
62-6-118(e)	\$50.00 - \$5,000.00
<u>Rules of Tennessee</u> <u>Board for Licensing</u> <u>General Contractors</u>	
0680-1-.08	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
0680-1-.09(1)	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
0680-1-.09(2)	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
0680-1-.11	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
0680-1-.24	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
0680-1-.13(4)	\$50.00 - \$5,000.00
0680-1-.18	\$50.00 - \$5,000.00
<u>Other Rules</u>	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00
<u>Orders</u>	\$50.00 - \$1,000.00

- (2) In determining the amount of any penalty to be assessed pursuant to this rule, the Board may consider such factors as the following:
- (a) Whether the amount imposed will be substantial economic deterrent to the violator;
  - (b) The circumstances leading to the violation;
  - (c) The severity of the violation and the risk of harm to the public;
  - (d) The economic benefits gained by the violator as a result of non-compliance;

(Rule 0680-1-.19, continued)

- (e) The interest of the public;
  - (f) Willfulness of the violation; and
  - (g) Extent to which the licensee has sought to compensate any victim(s) of the violation.
- (3) For the purposes of assessment of civil penalties pursuant to this rule, each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate violation.
  - (4) With regard to the monetary amount in (1) above, the Board reserves the right to waive the limitation therein in appropriate circumstances as provided for in writing by the Board. In no event, shall the penalties assessed by the Board exceed the statutory authorization.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108, 56-1-308, and 62-6-118(e). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed January 21, 1986; effective February 20, 1986. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.20 FEES.**

- (1) The application and initial license fee for a contractor's license shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- (2) The examination fee shall be the fee charged by the entity administering the examination, subject to the Board's approval.
- (3) An applicant failing to appear for the board interview without having notified the board at least three (3) days in advance shall pay an additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) before being rescheduled for a subsequent board interview.
- (4) The fee to transfer a license from a partnership to an individual shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (5) The fee to transfer a license from a partnership or proprietorship to a corporation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (6) The renewal fee for a certificate of license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (7) A duplicate certificate of license may be issued upon receipt of a written request accompanied by a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108, 62-6-111, 62-6-113, and 62-6-116. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 14, 1989; effective August 28, 1989. Repeal and new rule filed September 12, 2005; effective November 26, 2005.

#### **0680-1-.21 CITATION PENALTIES.**

- (1) The Executive Director of the Board for Licensing Contractors may issue citations against persons acting in the capacity of or engaging in the business of a contractor without a license in violation of T.C.A. § 62-6-103. Each citation shall be in writing and describe with particularity the basis of the citation. Each citation shall contain an order to cease all violations of this chapter, and an assessment of a civil penalty in accordance with the following schedule:

(Rule 0680-1-.21, continued)

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
T.C.A. § 62-6-103(a)(1)	\$50 - \$1000
T.C.A. § 62-6-103(b)	\$50 - \$1000
(2) In determining the amount of any penalty to be assessed pursuant to this rule, the Executive Director may consider such factors as the following:	
(a) Whether the amount imposed will be substantial economic deterrent to the violator;	
(b) The circumstances leading to the violation;	
(c) The severity of the violation and the risk of harm to the public;	
(d) The economic benefits gained by the violator as a result of noncompliance;	
(e) The interest of the public;	
(f) Willfulness of the violation;	
(g) Extent to which the licensee has sought to compensate any victim(s) of the violation.	

**Authority:** T.C.A. §62-6-106 and Acts of 1991, Public Chapter 272. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed February 25, 1993; effective April 11, 1993. Amendment filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.22 EXEMPTION.**

Any person, business or church that owns property and constructs single residences or buildings for their individual use shall not need a contractor's license. Individual use shall mean use by persons other than the general public.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-103 and 62-6-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.23 REQUALIFICATION OF AGENT.**

- (1) Proprietorships, Partnerships and Corporations or firms licensed prior to the examination requirement, shall designate no more than 2 qualifying agents per major classification on a form prescribed by the Board and attached to the renewal of the license.
- (2) If the designated qualifying agents leave the firm for any reason, the firm must designate an individual to successfully pass the examination within three (3) months.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-111. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.

#### **0680-1-.24 BIDDING PROCEDURES.**

- (1) Pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 62-6-119(b), electrical, plumbing, heating ventilation and air conditioning subcontractors bidding to a prime contractor shall furnish evidence of a license with appropriate classification and monetary limit, regardless of how the bid is transmitted; provided however failure to comply with this rule shall not require nonconsideration of the

(Rule 0680-1-.24, continued)

subcontractor's bid if appropriately licensed, but said subcontractor shall be subject to discipline by the Board.

- (2) Any prime contractor submitting a bid pursuant to *T.C.A. § 62-6-119(b)* shall list only one electrical contractor, one plumbing contractor, and one heating, ventilation air conditioning contractor with appropriate classification and monetary limit or the bid shall not be considered. Award of the subcontract to one not listed on the base bid envelope in violation of *T.C.A. § 62-6-119* will be subject to review and disciplinary action by the Board.

**Authority:** *T.C.A. §§62-6-108 and 62-6-111.* **Administrative History:** *Original rule filed January 31, 1996; effective April 16, 1996.*